

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2018**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) OPEN DATA POLICY**

**Introduced by the Information Technology & Communication Committee**

Commissioner Ridge moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Barnes.

**WHEREAS**, Public Act 462 of 1996, the Enhanced Access to Public Records Act, being MCL 15.441 *et seq.* (the “Act”), allows public bodies to provide at no charge enhanced access for inspection and copying of a public record or Geographic Information System (GIS) Data that is not confidential or otherwise exempt by law from disclosure; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of transparency and making information freely available to the public, Eaton County desires to make certain data available to the public on an open data portal free of charge; and

**WHEREAS**, making certain data available to the general public on an open data portal free of charge will foster civic engagement through data sharing, improve the relationship between citizens, business, and government agencies, and enable businesses and other citizen enterprises to make use of government data to promote economic development and increase investment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act requires that a public body who wishes to provide such enhanced access, must produce a policy, approved by the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, the Information Technology & Communication Committee has reviewed the attached policy and is recommending its approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners approves and adopts the attached GIS Open Data Policy. Nays: Brehler. Carried.